

# Northeast Georgia History Center

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## The History Center Salutes Our Veterans!



The month of November is always a special time at the History Center... as Veterans Day is on November 11, we always have activities that not only honor those who have served in uniform but we use the occasion as a way to educate children and adults about the importance of our veterans. To that end, we have several features going on during the week of Veterans Day.

### 1. \$100 off of Freedom Garden engraving

Add the name of a friend or family member into the American Freedom Garden, the History Center's award-winning tribute to all those who have served to preserve the gift of Freedom for future generations. For the month of November only, the cost for placing a name in the Freedom Garden is only \$195 (regularly \$295). Please visit our website to download a brochure, or contact Rachel Phillips at [770-297-5900](tel:770-297-5900).

### 2. Special Exhibits - Under the Dome

The History Center will have a special display of artifacts and memorabilia from World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Desert Storm the week of November 10-14. Admission to the exhibit is part of regular admission price, or FREE to all members.

### 3. Free Admission for Veterans

The week of November 10-14, all veterans are offered FREE admission to the History Center galleries, historic houses, and gardens.

**Not yet a member?**

**Need to renew?**

**Here's how:**

- ◆ **Come by in person**
- ◆ **Mail a check**
- ◆ **Pay online.**

[www.negahc.org](http://www.negahc.org)

It's been a busy Autumn for programming here at the Northeast Georgia History Center. With field trips, special events, and Family Day the weeks have been filled with activity. Aside from visits by Myers Elementary for an audience with Patrick Henry, Johnson High School meeting Beulah Rucker, Children of Grace Day Care bringing us a scarecrow for the Victory Garden,

the North Atlanta Men's Club guided tour from long time Docent Clint Daniel, a hands-on blacksmith program with Spout Springs Elementary, and the "Ghost Walk: Haunted History!" tour, the History Center was very successful in hosting an exhibition of a full size replica of the Bayeux Tapestry in conjunction with the University of North Georgia – which brought in some 500 visitors between exhibition, and Family day/Forum programming!



Student from Myers Elementary trying on "Patrick Henry's" wig!



Children of Grace & their scarecrow



Family Day exhibition



Haunted History Stories



Much thanks to our interns!

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### 4. History Center Forum

At 7 p.m. on November 10 the History Center will host it's monthly forum, and we have a special treat for you. Please join us and hear the stories, experiences, and perspectives of three of Hall County's own veterans. For more information please see the related article below. Larkin Vance (WWII and Vietnam), Heyward Hosch (Korea), and Scott Ballard (Enduring Freedom). Admission is only \$3, but FREE for all members.

### 5. Special Tours for School and Adult Groups

For the week of November 9-14 special tours are available for school and adult groups that will focus on a visit to the American Freedom Garden and the History Center's special exhibit of military memorabilia. For information, pricing, and to schedule your tour please contact the History Center at [770-297-5900](tel:770-297-5900).

### 6. Veterans in the Classroom

The History Center is also heading up the scheduling of veterans to visit area schools to share their stories with children and impress upon them the importance of patriotism and service.

## Volunteer Spotlight

Sandra Williams, a member of the board of directors, is a natural for the History Center's finance committee. Why? Well, guess what she did before she relocated from northern Virginia to Flowery Branch, Georgia.

"I worked for the Department of Defense at the Pentagon...as a civilian," she said. "I was financial manager in charge of budget preparations for missiles, aircraft, operational equipment—everything dealing with operations for the Air Force."

Enough said.

She also attended the U.S. War College, where she studied tactical and strategic activities of all wars, including the American Civil War. She participated with all military services and learned how different people—including some foreign students—

viewed the wars.

She moved to Northeast Georgia after retiring. She has a daughter, Monica Russell, and son-in-law in Atlanta, along with a brother in Hampton, Georgia, so this was the place to be, she decided.

Sandra, who also serves on the history center's membership committee, became interested in the History Center after attending a meeting there of the Wisdom Project, a program sponsored by the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce and Brenau University. After that, she served at Family Day and as a docent.

She is active at Free Chapel Church, where she leads a women's small group and coaches leaders of other small groups.

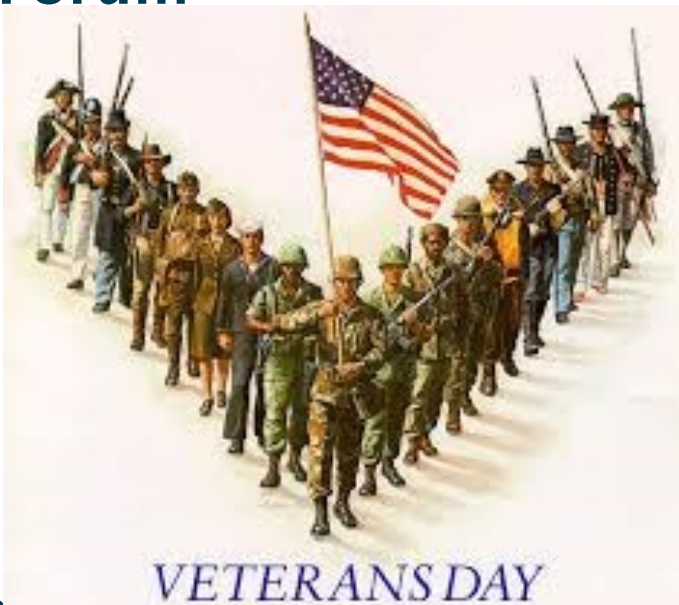


**Sandra Williams**

She also teaches financial life skills for clients of the Salvation Army in Gainesville. She currently serves as the District IV Vice President for the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association in Georgia

So, as you can see, Sandra brings a wealth of knowledge and talent to the History Center, and we appreciate her serving.

## Forum



Join the History Center on Tuesday, November 10 at 7 p.m. to hear the stories of three American heroes. As a part of our salute to veterans, we'll be having four gentlemen who have served their country in uniform tell a few stories about their service and what it means to them. Larkin Vance (WWII and Vietnam), Heyward Hosch (Korea), and Scott Ballard (Enduring Freedom).

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The Northeast Georgia History Center is a not-for-profit institution dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of the region. By maintaining a unique collection of historical items, presenting exhibits, conducting programs, enabling research, and partnering with other institutions in the region, the History Center strives to promote a greater understanding of the cultural, social, economical, and political history of Northeast Georgia.

### Calendar of Events

November 10-14 Under the Dome Exhibit—  
*Veteran's Week*

November 10 7:00 pm Forum—  
*Four American Heroes*

November 26 & 27 Closed—*Happy Thanksgiving!*

### Items of Interest

#### *Welcome*

#### *New Members!*

Dixie Majors

Carey Shallman



#### *Memorials*

*In Memory of*

#### *Carolyn Waldrep*

By Gainesville High Class of 1952

#### *Randy Parks*

By Gainesville High Class of 1952

Martha Jacobs

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